(b) whether these restrictions are still in force;

(c) whether these restrictions on family pension have the effect of treating pre-1.1.1986 family pensioners differently from the post 1.1.1986 family pensioners and depriving the former of the benefits under the liberalised pension formula implemented w.e.f. 2.4.79; and

(d) the steps taken to treat all family pensioners alike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The pension formula based on the slab system introduced with effect from 1.4.1979 related to pensions only. The amount of normal family pension remained linked to the last pay drawn by the deceased employee/pensioner. However, the rates of family pension were liberalised by the Government with effect from 1.1.1986 in the light of the recommendations made by the Forth Central Pay Commission. The family pension of pre-1.1.1986 family pensioners was revised and consolidated. Accordingly, the family pension entitlements of pre-1.1.1986 family pensioners and post-1.1.1986 family pensioners are not comparable. However, the minimum family pension is Rs. 375 per month in all cases.

Possibility of malaria epidemic after monsoon

2370. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has sounded an alaram predicting a malaria apidemic in several States including Delhi immediately after the monsoon;

(b) if so, whether the process of spraying DDT was undertaken at the proper time to check the malignant malaria invasion;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether ample blood sample examination facilities, the medicines and other necessary facilities have been provided in all the primary health centres to tackle the malalria cases on a war footing; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The State Governments have been asked to gear up the machinery for implementation of the National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) to meet the situation which might occur due to excessive rain, flood etc.

(b) Spray with appropriate Insecticides is to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per schedule provided by the National Malaria Directorate.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The State Govts. have been requested to ensure availability of requisite facilities including anti-malarial drugs and blood smear examination facilities at every Primary Health Centre. Adequate quantity of drugs and insecticides have been provided to the endemic States.

(e) Does not arise.

Entry of foreign mercenaries in Jammu and Kashmir

2371. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign mercenaries operating in J&K the countries to which they belong and whether it is a fact that they have established a base on Kashmir in order to spread their activities in the adjoining areas of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) what action Government had taken to check the entry of foreign mercenaries into J&K and what concrete success Government have achieved so far in this regard; and